

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing guanylurea dinitramide, comprising (1) nitrating ~~nitration of~~ an initial compound with a nitrating acid mixture, the nitrating acid mixture comprising sulphuric acid and nitric acid, to form dinitramidic acid in an acidic reaction mixture, (2) adding a guanylurea ion to the acidic reaction mixture, to form a ~~forming~~ the salt of dinitramidic acid and (3) precipitating guanylurea dinitramide from the acidic reaction mixture, which mixture is acidic at the time of precipitation.

2-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the guanylurea ion is added by cyanoguanidine being reacted by hydrolysis with the acid reaction mixture to form protonated guanylurea *in situ*.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the cyanoguanidine is added to the acid reaction mixture as an aqueous slurry of cyanoguanidine.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein guanylhurea dinitramide is separated from the acid reaction mixture.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein guanylhurea dinitramide is separated from the acid reaction mixture.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein guanylhurea dinitramide is separated from the acid reaction mixture.

21. (Currently amended) A method of producing a salt of dinitramidic acid comprising:

(a) nitrating ~~nitration~~ of ammonium sulfamate with a mixture of HNO_3 and H_2SO_4 to form a dinitramide ion in an acid reaction mixture;

(b) mixing and reacting cyanoguanidine with the acid reaction mixture from step (a) to form a guanylhurea ion

in the acid reaction mixture to form a precipitating salt of dinitramidic acid, guanylhurea dinitramide, in the acid reaction mixture; and

(c) separating the precipitated salt of dinitramidic acid formed in ~~from~~ step (b) from the acid reaction mixture

22. (Currently amended) A method of producing a salt of dinitramidic acid comprising:

(a) nitration ~~nitration~~ of ammonium sulfamate with a mixture of HNO_3 and H_2SO_4 to form dinitramide ion in an acid reaction mixture;

(b) mixing guanylhurea nitrate with the acid reaction mixture from step (a) to form a precipitate salt of dinitramidic acid, guanylhurea dinitramide, in the reaction mixture and;

(c) separating the precipitated salt of dinitramidic acid from step (b) from the acid reaction mixture

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the guanylurea dinitramide is used as a starting material for the preparation of other dinitramide salts.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the guanylurea dinitramide is used as a starting material for the preparation of other dinitramide salts.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the guanylurea dinitramide is used as a starting material for the preparation of other dinitramide salts.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the guanylurea dinitramide is used as a starting material for the preparation of other dinitramide salts.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the guanylurea dinitramide is used as a starting material for the preparation of other dinitramide salts.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the added guanylurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the added guanylhurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the added guanylhurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the added guanylhurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the added guanylhurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the added guanylhurea ion is recovered and is re-used in the production of dinitramide salts.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the initial compound is ammonium sulfamate.